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Targets on Czechoslovakia.

OBJECTIVE

All targets listed below are sought under objective II d. of DCID 4/6, dated 30 October 1956:

"The strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet (including Satellite) economy, with particular reference to its ability to support a major war; the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation and their effect upon the economic, political, and military strength of the Soviet Bloc; the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Soviet and Satellite internal communications system."

BACKGROUND

Czechoslovakia is believed to be playing a central role in Bloc economic cooperation and foreign trade financing. For example, large platinum transactions take place between Czechoslovakia and western persons; the Czechs are found handling western tourists financial problems for the Bloc; in recent high-level Satellite-Soviet and Intra-Satellite agreements pledging economic cooperation Czechoslovakia has figured prominently. These and other developments have led us to believe that Czechoslovakia occupies a new and important position in the Bloc about which we as yet know little.

BASIC GUIDANCE

Detailed information on the origin of Czech imports and exports, especially when pertaining to precious metals. Multilateral transactions in which Czechoslovakia acts as a middleman. Evidence of Czech participation in economic cooperation plans of the Bloc. Records of any financial transaction in which Czechoslovakia acts as an agent for a Bloc nation.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Targets on Czechoslovakia.

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Classified reports of the Ministry of Foreign Trade giving data on imports and exports.	Ministry of Foreign Trade. Prague II, Trida politickych vescu, tel. 216.
2. Classified reports of the State Bank of Czechoslovakia dealing with international transactions.	State Bank of Czechoslovakia, Prague.
3. Classified reports of the Research Institute for Foreign Trade to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and the State Bank of Czechoslovakia.	Research Institute for Foreign Trade. Prague II, Vackavske nam. 41. Tel. 226856-59.

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